Losses to D.T.C.

1791. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to identify the reasons for huge losses being incurred by the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures for ensuring the long-term viability of D.T.C.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Government are continually monitoring the functioning of the Delhi Transport Corporation. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India has *vide* his Report No. 6 (Commercial) of 1990 examined in detail the functioning of DTC. This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been laid in both Houses of Parliament on 12-7-1991.

(c) and (d). Steps are taken on a continuing basis to increase productivity, rates per unit cost, enforce economy measures, improve crew behaviour and quality of service and prevent leakage of revenue with a view to increasing revenue collection rates, working loss, rationalise routes etc.

A Group of Ministers chaired by the Finance Minister has also been constituted to work out an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of DTC in order to ensure its long term viability.

Alleged mismanagement in some Departments of Coffee Board

1792. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRAVBHAURS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding alleged mismanagement in the Coffee Research Stations and Public Relation Departments of Coffee Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). As regards Coffee Research Stations, there are no complaints of mismanagement. However, occasional criticism about the inadequacy of Research and poor performance have been received. There are also no complaints on public relations matters. Research activities are being reviewed by Government through a recently constituted Scientific Advisory Committee in the Ministry of Commerce.

[*Translation*]

Opium Cultivation

1793. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where opium is cultivated;